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Ms. Janel Veile
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Re: FAP 351 (US 6) 159th/River Oaks Drive
Sequence Number: 19407
IDNR EcoCAT Project Number: 1604887
Alternate Project Number(s):
County: Cook County

Dear Ms. Veile:

This letter concerns the Endangered Species Consultation for the FAP 351 (US 6) 159th/River Oaks Drive, located in Cook County. This project was submitted for consultation in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1075.

The proposed action involves: "Construction of a bike trail within the Cook Co. Forest Preserve District's Sand Ridge Preserve connecting an existing trail termini at Green Lake Aquatic Center to Nature Center Entrance. No new ROW, no instream work, 1.5 acres of tree removal."

The IDOT NRR Memo, dated 06/13/2016, indicates recommendations by the Department have been included as commitments for this project action. The Department concurs with the NRR. Therefore, consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is terminated.

This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheldon R. Fairfield'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Sheldon' and last name 'Fairfield' being more legible than the middle initial 'R'.

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